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ARTHUR R. MARSHALL LOXAHATCHEE NATIONAL WILDLIFE REFUGE

Call for Entries!

January Art Contest Will be Held by the Loxahatchee Natural History Association

Local artists should prepare now to enter the 14th Art Contest sponsored by the Loxahatchee Natural History Association will conduct its 14th art contest at the Arthur R. Marshall Loxahatchee National Wildlife Refuge. Works will be accepted for judging on Friday, January 18, 2002, from noon to 4:00 PM and on Saturday, January 19, 2002 from 9:00 AM until noon. Judging will take place on Saturday and all accepted works will be hung. The show will open on Sunday, January 20, 2002, when there will be a reception from 1:00 to 3:00 PM to honor the artists. The show will continue through Sunday, February 19, 2002. Items not selected for exhibit must be picked up on later than Monday, January 21, 2002 unless other arrangements are made. Items selected must remain through the exhibit.

Contestants may submit two entries that have not been shown in any previous Loxahatchee Natural History Association Art Contest. Photography, crafts, computer-generated art, and posters cannot be accepted. There is no entry fee.

Entries will be screened for appropriateness in relation to the contest theme, “Spirit of the Refuge - Loxahatchee National Wildlife Refuge Through the Artist’s Eye.” Subjects must be derived from the Arthur R. Marshall Loxahatchee National Wildlife Refuge, the northern Everglades, and the bordering cypress swamp. Mangroves, manatees, flamingos, and crocodiles are examples of inappropriate subjects. Any artist who wishes to confirm acceptability of their work may call Lois Chapman at 561-734-8303 or Serena Rinker at 561-732-3684.

There will be two categories. The Open category includes prints, oils, acrylics, watercolor, mixed media, and drawings. Sculpture, including wood carving, will be judged separately. Prizes of \$150 for first place, \$100 for second place, and \$50 for third place will be awarded in each category. Ribbons will be awarded for all winners and honorable mention. A new award this year will be the J. Goldman Memorial Award.

To obtain contest rules and entry forms, please call the Visitor Center at the Arthur R. Marshall Loxahatchee National Wildlife Refuge at (561) 734-8303.

The Loxahatchee Natural History Association is a friends group of the Arthur R. Marshall Loxahatchee National Wildlife Refuge. Through its membership and sales outlet at the Refuge it provides support and funds for public awareness and environmental education activities and special programs, such as the art contest.

The refuge is located on US 441/SR 7, two miles south of SR 804 (Boynton Beach Boulevard) and three miles north of SR 806 (Delray Beach’s Atlantic Avenue). The refuge is currently open from 5 a.m. to 6 p.m. seven days a week. Refuge hours change seasonally and are posted at each entrance. Visitor Center hours are 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday through Friday and 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. on weekends and holidays. The Visitor Center is closed on Christmas Day. An entrance fee of \$5.00 per vehicle is charged. A variety of annual passes, including a \$12.00 refuge specific annual pass, are available. For more information call the refuge at (561) 734-8303.

The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service is the principal Federal agency responsible for conserving, protecting, and enhancing fish and wildlife and their habitats for the continuing benefit of the American people. The Service manages the 93-million-acre National Wildlife Refuge System comprised of more than 500 national wildlife refuges, thousands of small wetlands, and other special management areas. It also operates 66 national fish hatcheries, 64 fish and wildlife management offices, and 78 ecological services field stations. The agency enforces Federal wildlife laws, administers the Endangered Species Act, manages migratory bird populations, restores nationally significant fisheries, conserves and restores wildlife habitat such as wetlands, and helps foreign governments with their conservation efforts. It also oversees the Federal Aid program that distributes hundreds of millions of dollars in excise taxes on fishing and hunting equipment to state fish and wildlife agencies.